



Travis County District Attorney's Office CY 2014-2019 Adult Sexual Assaults Received/Indicted/Pending

2014-2019 Sexual Assault Cases Received (*Adult offender and adult victim*):

Year	Individuals Accused	Total Cases Received	Victims Involved
2014	54	58	53
2015	58	59	60
2016	81	90	87
2017	95	105	115
2018	72	77	78
2019 (YTD)*	32	32	33

**as of 07-17-19*

Data Notes:

- **"Cases received":**
This term refers to the number of sexual assault cases that have been formally received from law enforcement by the DA's Office. These numbers do not necessarily reflect the year that the offense occurred and/or was reported to law enforcement.
- Law enforcement may file more than one case against an accused person, or more than one case relating to a single victim.

2014-2019 Adult Sexual Assault Trials (*as of July 17th, 2019*):

Year	Total Criminal Jury Trials	Sexual Assault Jury Trials	Percentage of Criminal Trials Involving Sexual Assault
2014	58	4	6.90%
2015	56	1	1.79%
2016	69	1	1.45%
2017	78	1	1.28%
2018	76	9	11.84%
2019 (YTD)*	52	7	13.46%

**as of 07-17-19*

Data Notes:

- Jury trial numbers include all trials where a jury was sworn in (to start the trial) as well as hung juries (juries unable to reach a unanimous verdict) or where a mistrial was declared during the trial.
- The Austin Police Department DNA lab was closed in late 2016 after issues were identified during an audit by the Texas Forensic Science Commission. The closure of the lab negatively impacted the ability of the DA's Office ability to take cases involving DNA to trial, as evidence from many pending cases needed to be re-tested by other labs before the case could move forward. The impact was most severe in 2017 and resulted in a lower number of sexual assault trials that year. Due to the outsourcing of evidence to other labs, more DNA resources have become available in 2018 and 2019. This has resulted in greater numbers of sexual assault cases being tried compared to 2017, but also to the number of sexual assault cases tried by the previous administration.

Total Adult Sexual Assault Cases Pending Prosecution in the District Attorney's Office:

The following are the number of active adult sexual assault cases pending when this administration began as well as the current number of cases pending:

As of January 1st, 2017: 158 adult sexual assault cases pending

As of June 1st, 2019: 142 adult sexual assault cases pending

Data Notes:

- Data pulled from the TCDA's internal electronic database (TechShare). Data does not include cases older than 20 years wherein defendant has absconded and the case is inactive (case is not found in the electronic database). Older cases are entered into the electronic database when a defendant is arrested and the prosecution process commences/continues.
- Numbers do not include inactive cases wherein the defendant has absconded and/or has never been apprehended. Numbers fluctuate daily due to case activity.

2014-2019 Sexual Assault Cases Presented to Grand Jury (Adult offender and adult victim):

Year	Total Indictments	Re-indictments	Defendants Charged	Victims Involved	No-Bills	Defendants Involved	Victims Involved
2014	45	4	42	38	11	10	9
2015	50	4	48	48	2	2	2
2016	63	8	52	58	3	2	2
2017	72	6	63	82	4	4	4
2018	81	8	72	81	5	5	5
2019 (YTD)*	33	3	33	33	4	4	4

*as of 07-17-19

Data Notes:

- **"Cases Presented to Grand Jury":**
In Texas, felony cases cannot proceed through the court process unless "true billed" or indicted by a Grand Jury. A "true bill" occurs when at least nine of the twelve Grand Jury members find that the evidence presented to them was sufficient to justify a prosecution. A "no bill" is returned if the Grand Jury finds that there was not enough evidence to indict.
- It is common for cases to be reindicted to correct or refine the language of the original indictment. This report shows the total number of indictments in each year, which includes reindictments. It also provides the number of cases reindicted that year. The reindictment may not be from the same year as the original indictment.
- These numbers do not necessarily reflect the year that the case was received or offense occurred. For example, cases indicted in 2016 will include cases received in previous years.
- Many cases are not indicted the same year as received and may be pending investigation.